[Rao Bahadur T. K. Nair]

An application for refund of lapsed deposit for Rs. 505 has been received from the District Munsiff, Cranganur. There is only an allotment of Rs. 50 under "22—Miscellaneous (a) Refund of Lapsed deposits and R. T. Rs" in the current year's budget. An additional amount of Rs. 455 or 500 in round figures has therefore become necessary to pass the refund bill in question. There is not also sufficient balance for transfer from any other head. I request that this allotment may be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

4. "10—Excise—Refunds"

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Revenue):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 12,000 under "10—Excise-refunds".

The duty on salt manufactured in or imported into this State was abolished with effect from 1st Medam 1122 (14th April 1947). A refund of duty paid on stocks of salt of and above 2 mds. held on the 1st Medam 1122 or in transit on that date was also sanctioned.

There was a general complaint that the selling price of salt in the Chittur Taluk is very high when compared with the selling prices in other taluks. Therefore to enable the people in Chittur to get salt at about the same price as elsewhere in the State a rebate of annas 8 for a bag of salt (2 mds.) taken to Chittur was also sanctioned.

Applications for refund of duty for an aggregate total of nearly Rs. 8000 have been received so far. Based on previous year's consumption nearly Rs. 4.000 will be required for payment of rebate to the merchants in Chittur Taluk. Thus a sum of Rs. 12,000 is required on this account. As the expenditure is one which could not be foreseen and provided for in the budget for the current year an additional allotment of Rs. 12000 is required under "12—Excise-refunds". I request that this may be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

5. "20—A—Law and Justice"

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Revenue):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 182—3—0 under "20—A—Law and Justice".

Consequent on the apointment of a Government Pleader, High Court, an additional supply of a set of Cochin Acts and Proclamations and Law Reports has to be made. The expenditure was not foreseen and as such no provision could be made in the current year's budget. No reappropriation is possible as no savings can be anticipated this year. An additional allotment of Rs. 182—3—0 is therefore necessary under the head "20—A—Law and Justice". I request that the amount may be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

(6) "20—A—Law and Justice—Miscellaneous"

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Revenue):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 204 under "20—A—Law and Justice—Miscellaneous". A Phone connection has been sanctioned to the Advocate-General's Office. As this is a new item sanctioned only in the beginning of 1123 provision could not be included in the current year's budget. An additional allotment of Rs. 204 is therefore necessary under "20—A—Law and Justice—Miscellaneous". I request that this may be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

(7) "7-Excise—Refund (Cranganur)"

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Revenue):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 100 under "7-Excise—Refunds (Cranganur)".

There is only an allotment of Rs. 100 in the Cranganur Budget under "7—Excise-refunds". A claim for refund of Rs. 162—8—0 being the differential cost of arrack remitted by the Cranganur Depot Keeper has been received. The sanctioned allotment will not be sufficient to pay the refund. An additional allotment of Rs. 100 is therefore necessary under "7—Excise—refunds" to satisfy the present claim and also any other item of refund that may crop up during this year. I request that the same may be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

(8) "5—B—Village Panchayats"

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 39,000 under "5—B—Village Panchayats".

Owing to the continued draught the Mundakan crop is being badly affected and there are requests from all over the State for supply of pump to irrigate those fields. The Director of Panchayats has therefore proposed to purchase 6 diesel pump and the accessories. The cost of each pump will come to Rs. 6000. The accessories for each will cost to Rs. 500. The provisions in the panchayat budget are ear-marked for specific purposes and no savings are perceptible

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